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### AMERICAN COMPLACENCY LOOKS DANGEROUS TO MOORE HAVEN EDITOR

Our favorite country editor lives on the other side of Lake Okechobee. He is none other than Carr Settle, editor of the Glades County Democrat, published in Moore Haven. For years now we have read every editorial he has written. Like others in this newspaper game he has his off weeks—but, as a general rule when the Moore Haven paper reaches our exchange desk we reach for it with complete assurance that we will find something interesting, educational and worthwhile in the editorial columns.

The past week was no different from many weeks that we've unwrapped. The Democrat—we found an interesting editorial—penned by the chap who introduced this writer to the Lake Okechobee Region many years ago. Knowing that readers of this newspaper will enjoy Carr Settle's editorial of last week we are reprinting it in full. It follows:

"Maybe I'm wrong but I'm yet to be convinced that the majority of American people realize that the war is going on and that there is a complacency in our attitude which still looks dangerous to me.

"Most of us continue in our usual way of living and complain if something happens to upset the usual schedule. Before it is that there is a chance that we could lose this war unless there is a determined effort put forth and if we lose it will be the end of our world as we know it.

"So far the war has not bothered us greatly. To the most of us the war means only an increase in the cost of living, minor restrictions on the use of certain commodities and a topic of conversation. Before it is over it will mean far more. Every family will have someone near and dear to them in the service with a constant worry as to what is happening to them; every family will be compelled to make sacrifices far above anything known to the American people in recent years; women will be compelled to learn to do more and more of men's work and take their places as the men go to various parts of the world to fight the enemy; men left at home will face as grave a responsibility as those men who are on the battle fronts.

"Already, in many local homes, the war is a serious thing, for many of the boys from our own town and county are sailing

the seas or in training to fight with Uncle Sam's land and air forces. Possibly some of them are already in action and any day we may be saddened to learn that some of these boys have paid the supreme price for democracy. Shouldn't this make us realize that the war is something in might be small? Shouldn't it make us more than ever determined that what we can do at home with our spare time to insure the protection of our homes and property should be done? And don't forget that we are going here—that the United States, next to Japan is the most vulnerable nation in the world to air attack.

"Several months ago, long before war was anything but a vague possibility, the county defense council was formed. Chairmen of various committees were named in accordance with the state council set-up and most of the accepted these assignments in about the same manner we would accept the third vice-presidency of the society to relieve crippled cats. But it wasn't so easy and it wasn't long before we discovered that we had accepted the wrong job when we were being hired. My committee didn't sound very important in a small county so I was most surprised, and not a little panicky, when I received an official War Department letter requesting that I do certain things but ordering them done. The work is important and all of us must realize that more and more of our time is going to be required for this work."

### GROCERYMEN SHOULD KEEP A LIST OF THOSE WHO BUY SUGAR

Over on the west coast of Florida at Punta Gorda the grocerymen have hit upon an excellent idea to stop sugar hoarding. Those merchants plan to publish the names of those who go from store to store buying up sugar and hoarding it. An accurate list of all the sugar sold at the end of a certain period the names will be published if it is found that customers are going from store to store, buying sugar and hoarding it.

From reports the same idea might be worked here in the Lake Okechobee Region. Grocerymen could very easily keep a record of sugar sold and to whom—and, then at the end of a week do a little checking with other grocerymen. In this manner it would be an easy matter to find out who those are that go from store to store and buy sugar for hoarding purposes.

It seems there are always a few Americans who will not forego any luxury no matter how much it means to the country. In general, these Americans will tell you that they pay taxes—support the schools and the police and the law, etc. Every next moment will brag about having accumulated 50 or 100 pounds of sugar in the rationing idea came into effect. This particular kind of American is not the kind it will take to win ultimate victory from the aggressor powers.

## STATE BRIEFS

The G. A. Sauer Arms Company of St. Louis has received a small contract to manufacture munitions for the government. The nature and amount cannot be revealed as it is a secret matter. The contract extends over a 10-month period.

Out of state junkets by state department heads and institution supervisors are another war casualty. The state department has made this ruling as a matter of war time economy.

April will be convention time at West Palm Beach, with the Florida State Horticultural Society convention scheduled for April 18-19, and the Florida State News Association meeting April 12-16.

\$1200 additional prize money has been offered by Lee Salisbury, producer of the Third Annual International Rodeo at Kissimmee. He is requesting that all parts of the country to the show in Kissimmee Feb. 19-22.

Of the hundreds of exhibits in the 25 buildings at the Florida Fair, Tampa, that of the Armies of the United States seem to have a special fascination, especially the big 2000 pound ones. The bombs are "dead" but they show what army airplanes can do to reduce the danger of flying glass, shattering the attic with bombs, holes and buckets of sand, all in anticipation of an air raid without once giving thought to the fact that the nation's innocent citizens are the target of the ray of light on the darkened steps may be the greatest source of danger to the family.

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"We do not have the official figures for 1941 as yet," Mr. Beadle continued. "But unofficial estimates usually reasonably accurate, indicate that last year home accidents killed 32,000 persons and injured approximately 4,700,000. True, these figures show a slight improvement over 1940, but it must be recognized to the most injured optimist that the loss of so many skilled men in the serious loss at maximum production of war needs. More than ever, therefore, it is imperative to guard against accidents in the home sector. An amazingly small amount of precaution will produce surprisingly large results."

"This is the season to be particularly on the alert against fire. Keep the premises free of inflammable rubbish. Do not use kerosene or gasoline to start or hurry a fire, or for fire cleaning purposes. Never completely close chimneys. Guard against the danger of an explosion by keeping a window partly open in rooms where gas fires are used. Keep matches where they cannot be reached by small children."

"Replace worn or defective electric wiring. Keep all poisons, including kerosene, insecticides, rat poisons and disinfectants locked up when not actually being used."

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 Sunday School meets at 10:00 o'clock; J. H. Bordeaux is Supt.  
 Preaching services at 11:00 o'clock.  
 Young peoples Training Union meets at 6:30.  
 Evening worship begins at 7:30.

Bonds will buy bonds to drop on the Axis Powers. Have you helped Uncle Sam in this effort?

**"Drink A Florida Orange", New Logan**  
 LAKELAND, Feb. 12.—(FNS)—Lakelanders are going to be educated in the "cracker" style of eating oranges, according to Emmett Peter, Jr., editor of the Lake Region at Kuats.

A northern friend of the editor's father paid a visit to Florida. Upon being introduced to the "cracker" method of eating citrus, he declared: "No, it's fine to drink a Florida orange."

The catchword appealed to the Florida Citrus Commissioner, always receptive to new ideas, obtained the right to use it and will now put the slogan "Drink a Florida Orange" in its advertising.

Remember Pearl Harbor! Remember every day pay day Buy U. S. Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

## Home Is Dangerous Place; Accidents More Than In Cars

### Deaths From Home Mishaps Second To Car Crash Deaths

Home may be a man's castle under our democratic system, but it is no longer playing the safe game in addition to its other patriotic responsibilities. Declares Kenneth N. Beadle, education director of the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention division of the Association of Canadian and Surety Executives.

In the same breath Mr. Beadle reminds us that February and March are particularly important months from the standpoint of home accidents.

"Many of us," the well-known educator continues, "are busy as bees building up old shelters in the basement, taping windows to reduce the danger of flying glass, stocking the attic with boxes, holes and buckets of sand, all in anticipation of an air raid without once giving thought to the fact that the nation's innocent citizens are the target of the ray of light on the darkened steps may be the greatest source of danger to the family."

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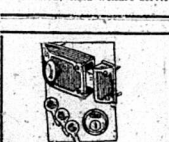
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## Special Films At Tampa Fair

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 5. (FNS)—How Uncle Sam is recruiting civilian manpower to build ships, planes, tanks, guns and all the other war material, will be the theme of the Social Security exhibit in the Government Building at this year's fair. The United States Employment Service, a part of the Federal Security Agency, will feature a beautiful new motion picture, showing the operations of its nationwide network of more than 10,000 full-time and some 3,000 part-time local offices. The movie, "Men and Jobs," is a tale in can and half-accidental patriotic music by the U. S. Marine Orchestra.

Another movie, also a tale with music, "Old Age and Family Security," will explain the operations of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program under the Social Security Act. Interviews in a typical first office of the Social Security Board, showing how retired workers, widows and dependent parents and others eligible for insurance payments file their claims. Stress is laid on the care of the Social Security account number card.

Both movies, of course, are free. Stationary exhibits explain Federal aspects of other Social Security programs—unemployment compensation, which protects more than 30 million workers; aid to the needy aged, blind and dependent children; child welfare service.



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en, vocational rehabilitation, public health services, etc.  
 The entire Little Theatre Workshop in the Government Building will be occupied by this exhibit. There are seats for more than 100 spectators.  
 Lester F. Stibel, manager of the Tampa office of the United States Employment Service in the city Administration Building, and Harry Brown of the Tallahassee State headquarters of the USES will be in charge of the Unemployment Service section. Nelson P. Conger, manager of the Tampa field office of the Social Security Board, will direct the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance section. Representatives of the other programs will be present at all times to answer inquiries and distribute pamphlets and other educational materials.

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 Morning Worship 11 A. M.  
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## POLITICS

A Word About This And That  
 For Folks Who Don't Enjoy Practicing in the Political

(Editor's Note: I may be letting myself in for a lot of grief but I'm inviting letters (short ones) about politics to be published in this column. If you're a politician or interested in politics take my hand and drop us an epistle for this column. I reserve the right at any time without advance notice to call the whole thing off.—Paul Rardin, Editor.)

"Up 'til now I haven't had a line for publication in this column from any politician or anyone interested in politics. Maybe the reason is something like a would-be politician said in Pahokee yesterday: 'Let's just leave well enough alone.' The less we say about the forthcoming political races, the better."

Not being a candidate myself (not at present anyway) I agree with that fellow. I think the public should know all the

is going on in political circles. The citizen should be kept posted on those fellows who are planning to seek their votes in any election. The public should know all about them and that is the idea of this column.

One day this week I was on the south side of the Lake on business and met up with a man named Pat Cannon. He said he was making an effort to contact several of his friends and find out the lay of the land in regard to his forthcoming race for re-election to congress. Congressman Pat said he wouldn't have much time to campaign—what with a war going on and it being necessary for him to stick pretty close to Washington—but he wanted to find out just how tough his opposition is going to be.

Congressman Cannon at this moment (several weeks before qualifications close) has a potential opponent in none other than Guy Tate. Guy is known as well in South Florida as any man in these parts. Man for man, I believe Guy could call more fellows by their first name than any other chap in South Florida.

James R. Boyd, Jr., member of

### ELABORATE

(Continued From Page 1)  
 Schroder, regional director of WPA, and former State Director when the market was started back in 1935, has been extended as a volunteer. Wilbur Harkness, present state director of WPA, has also volunteered. E. H. Huber, Miami, district manager of WPA, is another who has been invited.

The program will get underway at 10 p.m. with speeches by many of the visiting dignitaries. There will be music by the Pahokee high school band. Following the close of the speaking program, big barbecue will be served to all in attendance. The barbecue will be served on the completed section of the new new platform.

Mayor Manager Shanny said that plans now call for the market to go into action soon after the dedication ceremony. Already several bean grinders have been installed on the platform. An incense burner system has been set up in order that workers in the office may easily contact buyers on a 1,000 spot platform.

Long distance telephone have been placed at intervals on the huge platform.  
 A crew of Florida East Coast Railway workmen are busy this week building the spur track from the East Coast into the market. A double track will be built along the side the market shed with loading space for ten cars. The railway spur will reach north past the market to the plant now under construction by the Everglades Growers Cooperative.

"We are indeed happy to announce the dedication date of the new state market," Mr. Dubay said yesterday. "We want every resident of the Lake Region to be with us on that day and see first hand just what we have constructed for the benefit of the growers in this section."

Billions for Allied victory—or for traitors to democracy? There is only one answer: Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps.

## Tax Returns

I am prepared to assist you in making out your tangible personal property tax returns. It is necessary that you make out one of these returns and I have the necessary blanks and will be glad to assist you in this work.

**Harold Rosenberg**

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Another office on the ground floor is provided for the use of the Mayor and the City Clerk.

A three-room apartment is also available for use by the Chief of the Fire Department. However, it is thought that these rooms will be used for welfare and defense work for the duration.

On the second floor is located a well-lighted and large auditorium. It will seat more than 300 people and provides a long-felt need in Pahokee for a public gathering place.

Also on the second floor is a dormitory for volunteer firemen. It will accommodate six men.

The jail, erected at the rear of the new city hall, is one of the most modern to be found in Florida. Equipped with shower baths and all the comforts of home it is awaiting its first patron.

All in all the new city hall is one of the finest structures to be found on the shores of Lake Okechobee. City Councilmen are anxious that citizens and taxpayers visit the building and see first hand just what a handsome structure it really is.

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